

What's New???

Other Child Safety features to look for

- Break-away cord tassels
- Clutch operated systems
- Motorized options
- Tension systems
- Removable crank operated shades

New Showroom Lines for the Fall

- Additional Woven Wood shade fabrics
- New Matlesse fabrics from G. N. Jackson Ltd.
- "Woodmates" from Hunter Douglas (more economical than 2" Everwoods)
- New cellular shade fabrics in linens and gilded patterns
- Antiqued & Distressed 2 5/8" wood profiles complete with leather wrapped valances
- Over 250 wood blind finishes now available
- Screen fabrics in weave densities from 1% to 15% open
- Cuddle Down pillows, comforters, and sheets

Controls, Controls, Controls

In this day and age of political correctness and the increasing pressures from the public, manufacturers are focusing their R&D attention to "Child Safety" controls for most blind and drapery systems. In addition, the growing concern from the manufacturers on the issue of liability has forced them to develop new and innovative operating systems with "Safety" at the forefront of their efforts.

As a result, most of the operating systems today are primarily hand draw for drapery and clutch operated for blinds. Drapery hardware has shifted away from track profiles using pull cords and is now heading in the direction of a more decorative - user friendly

approach. Today we are seeing more of the Non-traversing poles in all shapes and sizes complete with finials and accessories made from iron, wood, and resin.

Hunter Douglas recently added its new "Ultraglide" lifting system to the world renown "Silhouette Shade", but with a slight twist. This new control system is able to raise and lower the shade as well as tilt the fabric vanes using one retractable cord. The cord remains sleek and discreet as well as consistent in length. The shortness of the cord keeps it out of reach of children and pets, eliminating the need to secure cord loop pulleys to the window jamb



Hunter Douglas "Silhouette Shade" with new retractable Ultraglide lifting system

or having to attach cord cleats to wrap access cords around when the shades are raised.

If child safety is a concern for you, ask **GiCor lodging projects ltd.** which products offer these features and would work best for your situation.

Keeping Fabrics in the Dark

With increasing awareness and documentation on the subjects of sleep deprivation and insomnia, there is good news coming from the fabric producers. Blackout linings have long been available, but traditionally have been dry clean only. This is a minor issue for the home owner, but represents major

cost and scheduling inconveniences for the hospitality and health care industries where regular cleaning is a must. Recently, mills have begun to address this issue by using revolutionary blackout linings that are printable, fire retardant, and most of all, washable.

With 100,s of patterns and colors to choose from, this new product line offers countless solutions to an old problem.

Contact us today for a free sample of this fabric for your library.